

HOUSE BILL 2203

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to unfair competition
and unfair or deceptive practices in the business
of insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-8-109(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Payment of a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each and every act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), unless the person knew or reasonably should have known the person was in violation of this chapter, in which case the penalty shall not be more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each and every act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in any six-month period" and by substituting instead the language "Payment of a civil penalty of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each and every act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), unless the person knew or reasonably should have known the person was in violation of this chapter, in which case the penalty shall not be more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each and every act or violation, but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in any six-month period".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-8-112(1), is amended by deleting the language "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)" and by substituting instead the language "twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-8-117(c), is amended by deleting the language "five hundred dollars (\$500)" and by substituting instead the language "one thousand dollars (\$1,000)".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

